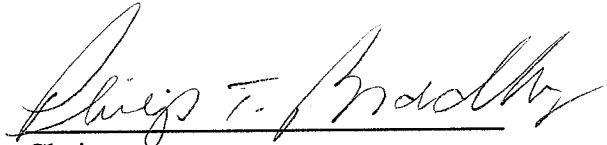


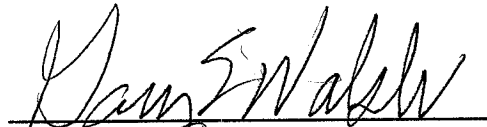
This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of the parties in these dockets for a one-week extension of time in which to pre-file testimony and exhibits. Since the parties were attempting to negotiate a settlement in this case, but were unsuccessful, we believe that the request should be granted. For that reason, United Telephone Company of the Carolinas shall prefile and serve on or before **September 30, 1998** its supplemental testimony and exhibits, and testimony and exhibits of the Commission Staff and/or intervenors shall be prefiled and served on or before **October 14, 1998**. All parties shall be subject to the same conditions as noted in our Order No. 98-554, dated July 17, 1998.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the
Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Acting Executive Director

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